



NEWS

Caribbean-American For Community Involvement in Florida, Inc.

Our mission is to enhance, maintain and sustain the quality of life for the community consistent with the culture and traditions of our diverse ancestral heritage.

April

2016

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Board meetings - 4th Thursday of the month
See back page for calendar of events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Annual Picnic: Our annual picnic was held on Saturday, March 26th. If you were not in attendance, then you missed a fun-filled event. Thanks to all our members, friends and supporters of CAFCI who came out to make this year's picnic an enjoyable day. The kids had a ball with well-organized games, activities, treats and prizes. We even had the adults participating in the children's games. Special thanks to the team of Junette Powell and Thalia White for organizing the games; and to Lauriston Simms and his entire recreation team for making this year's picnic a success. Thanks to O.G. Smith for providing the music; and to all who donated food, money, refreshments, desserts and time. Your true spirit of volunteerism is greatly appreciated. A very special thank you to Lorraine Cargill who led the children's activities.

Student Assistance Program: This year the number of student assistance applications are up significantly. Thirty three applications have been received which makes the Student Assistance Program Committee's job more challenging. With this increase in applicants, we need more contributions to the program. Please contact Ms. Nadine White-Boyd if you would like to contribute or would like to give an award to one of the applicants in your name. With the Student Assistance Program Committee leadership in transition, it has been quite a challenge raising sufficient funds from corporations and businesses this year. We need support from members to pick up the slack.

Dennis Wright
President

SAVE THE DATE!

September 17, 2016

CAFCI's ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Details will be provided on
the website and in upcoming
issues of the Newsletter.

Welcome New Members

Joseph Anderson and
KaShamba Miller-Anderson



APRIL 16 - 30

Clifford Knaggs	17
Wayne M. Richards	17
Joan Bisasor	17
Keith McKenzie	19
Kathleen Lannaman	23
Jordan Davis	24
Samuel Baxter	25
Lloyd Campbell	26
Winston Morgan	26
Alva Weathers	27
Nicholas Johnson	30

MAY 1 - 15

Monica Grant	05
Cynthia E. Hamm	06
Geneva Knighton McKenzie	08
Cedric Lynch	10
George Pinnock	13
Richard Saulsberry	15
Audrey Smith	15

CONDOLENCES TO:

Monica Grant on the loss of her aunt
Elaine Simpson,
on the loss of her husband;
Family of Marjorie Smikle

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Margaret Granda, Eution MacLarty,
Newbolt Wilson

Please Let Us Know...

Please contact one of our Sunshine
Committee members if you are ill, know
of anyone who is ill or would like to
share any condolences and would like
it to be announced in the NEWS:

Elet Cyrus, Chair 791-9087
Paul Baker 784-0067
Samuel Baxter 798-2864

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, April 9 at 7 pm

Harvin Center, Royal Palm Beach

Please join us at our next general membership meeting on Saturday April 9, 2016. We will have a judicial candidate's forum where everyone will have an opportunity to listen to the candidates and ask questions. In addition, Dr. Jean Enright, from the Port of Palm Beach and Dorothy Jacks from the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office will be speaking. As usual, there will be updates for CAFCI's upcoming events, including Cultural Diversity Day, Talent Show and Annual Friendship Ball. Of course, you can always check out our website for more information (www.cafcipbc.org).

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

Saturday, May 7th

Veterans Park

The Cultural Committee, spearheaded by Elet Cyris, is diligently working on an awesome Cultural Diversity Day program. Cultural Diversity is a collaborative effort between the Village of Royal Palm Beach and CAFCI and supported by the Palm Beach County Cultural Council. This event is free. Invite your friends and family to participate in a day of sharing our rich cultural and diverse heritage which brings our community together to share its food, language, dance and customs. Look for further details on the flyer in this issue of the newsletter as well as on CAFCI's website at www.cafcipbc.org.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CANCELLATION OF

CAFCI FUNDRAISING BLUE HORIZON CRUISE

The CAFCI Fundraising Blue Horizon Casino Cruise scheduled for **April 23rd** has been cancelled.

We were informed on Wednesday, March 30th, that the Blue Horizon Casino Cruise Line would cease operation (sailing out of the Port of Palm Beach) immediately.

- **All tickets already sold will be reimbursed by the member who sold the ticket.**

The Cruise Fundraising Committee would like to thank all those who purchased tickets for this event and want to let you know how disappointed we are, but that we had no control over the cancellation.

Thanks for the great support, enthusiasm and anticipation of what would have been a great event.

The Cruise Fundraising Committee

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE:

Student Assistance Awards Ceremony:

Date: May 14, 2016 at 7 pm;

Venue: Original Wellington Mall, 12794 Forest Hill Boulevard (center court), Wellington, FL 33414

The committee continues to seek monetary donations. Please contact us at 561-790-4002 or cafcipbc@bellsouth.net to make a donation. Thanks for your continued support. All donations are welcome and tax deductible.

Letter from a Student Assistance Award Recipient

Hello Ms. White-Boyd,

I do apologize again for the late response. I am a bit of a perfectionist and wanted the video that I send to be moving and powerful so I had to make sure that I got it just right. I also wanted to send the video and the update at the same time. I hope that this will reach you in a timely manner. If there is something that you would wish for me to add or correct please let me know! Thank you so much again for reaching out to me and for being a part of this amazing process that changed my life.

Sincerely,

LeOndra Strowbridge

RELAY FOR LIFE

On behalf of the Relay for Life Committee, thanks to everyone who came out to support the Relay for Life event on **Saturday, April 2nd** at Royal Palm Beach High School. To everyone who helped with the preparation of food for our fundraising, those who came to help with set-up and everyone who donated their time or resources to help, we are extremely grateful. Look out for further details in the May issue of the newsletter.

Submitted by Nova Brown



CAFCI ANNUAL PICNIC

CAFCI's Annual Easter picnic held on **Saturday March 26th** at Micanopy Pavilion in Okeetchee Park was lots of fun. The weather was perfect and of course the food was delicious. After the egg hunt, the kids participated in organized games including dancing, hula hoop competition, musical chairs and egg and spoon race for which the winners received prizes. During this time, the adults enjoyed great conversation while watching the kids' activities. Some also engaged in playing dominoes with family and friends. Of course, as in the past years the adult musical chairs created a lot of excitement. Thanks to Lauriston Simms and his entire recreation team (Johnny Davis, Henworth Ferguson, Charmaine Forde, Pamela Fraser, Millie Hampton, Lawrence Logan, William Turner, Jeff Webb and Percival Wood) for making this year's picnic a huge success. We also thank everyone, although not on the committee, who stepped up to the plate to help out in whatever capacity including Grace Bird, Diana Bishop-McIntosh, Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Yvonne Gray, Kitty Lannaman, Marcia Plinton and Yvonne Wright. OG Smith was awesome, playing the right music for each activity. Special recognition to MC Lorraine Cargill who worked her magic in keeping the children's activities going, and the teen volunteers, Chantal Anderson and Demi-Anne Barnett. If you were not in attendance, you missed a fun filled day so please mark your calendar for next year (Saturday before Easter) and don't miss it!



**CARIBBEAN AMERICAN FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT In Florida, Inc.
& THE VILLAGE OF ROYAL PALM BEACH**
Present



Cultural Diversity Day

Saturday, May 7, 2016

1:00 pm To Sundown

Veterans Park in Royal Palm Beach

(Royal Palm Beach Boulevard and Sparrow Drive)

Featuring:

Artists from Around The World

Music • Dance • Belly Dancers

• Irish Group • Chinese Lion Dancers

• Stilt Walker • Reggae Band (DWHAS)

Drummer from Virgin Islands

**Showtime
3:00 PM**

**EVERYONE
IS INVITED
EVENT IS
FREE**

**FOOD VENDORS • DISPLAYS
DOMINOES • BOUNCE HOUSE**

**INTERNATIONAL
MUSIC BY
ERNITONES**

Bring your chairs, blankets, tents
and entire family and be prepared to have a good time.

For More Information, contact:

Elet Cyris 561-791-9087 - Ernie Garvey 561-676-5664

Village Of Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center at 561-790-5149

SPONSORED BY:



Divine Wine & High Tea

The Vivian A. Ferrin Memorial Scholarship Fund (VAFMSF) Committee hosted a fundraising event, *Divine Wine & High Tea* on March 20th at the Original Wellington Mall. The afternoon of style and class showcased the best in High Tea fashion – the ladies in their fabulous fascinators, bonnets and gloves; the gentlemen in their finest hats and bowties; the tables beautifully adorned with fine china and centerpieces; and featured exotic teas and Caribbean wines.

Audrey Smith, joined by members of the audience, modeled her creations of the most unique and glamorous hats. Special thanks to our young entertainers, Tehya Morris who performed her creative dance and recited, with passion, "Black Girl"; and Danielle Nelson who performed a medley of songs on the piano.

A big thank you to Jess Santamaria who donated the funds needed for one of our scholarships. Thanks also to Audrey Gordon for her assistance in planning and executing the event and to the student volunteers who all did a great job in serving the guests.

The Committee takes this opportunity to thank all who attended, supported and contributed to the auction making it an enjoyable afternoon.

The hard working Committee members are: Rhonda Ferrin-Davis, Pat Forde, Shirley Palmer, The Honorable Fred Pinto, Aubin Robinson, Lauriston Simms, Genieve White, Thalia White and Newley Wilson.

Submitted by Genieve White



Photographs courtesy of Janice Morgan

AROUND TOWN.....

Saturday, April 16th at 7 pm: The Caribbean Educators' Association, (C.A.R.E.) will host the Eleventh Annual Celebration of Academic Excellence, Scholarship Dinner at the Atlantic National Golf Club, 6400 Grand Lacuna Boulevard, Lake Worth, Florida. \$65 per person. Dress Semi-formal. For more information, contact 561-313-4772, 561-329-9835 or 561-351-6855.

April 27th to May 1st: **SunFest** - It's Florida's largest waterfront music and art fest. A first-rate festival with top-rated bands for all ages and genres, with fabulous food and incredible art. Party down to the beat or be seen at the scene on the floating bars or rock out next to three live stages. It's where music meets the waterfront. For more information, visit www.sunfest.com.

Sunday, May 8, 2016 - Children of Helen Alliance, Inc. will be hosting a Mother's Day Luncheon & Fashion Show at the Lakes of Sherbrooke Clubhouse in Lake Worth. Spread the word. Great event for the whole family. For further information about Children of Helen, visit www.chipbinc.com or e-mail childrenofhelenpalmbeach@gmail.com.

A For C.A.F.C.I.

The Home of Our Own committee met with the CAFCI Board of directors on March 12, 2016 to discuss the status of the program and begin mapping the strategy moving forward as the urgency to find a home for CAFCI increases.

The group agreed that a contingency plan should be put in place in the event we have to vacate the Harvin Center prior to finding another location. Our current focus will be to solicit assistance from organizations that specialize in providing assistance in planning for and finding financing for non-profit organizations seeking to purchase property. We are following up on two leads provided by members and friends of CAFCI. To share your ideas, information, such as available property, land or facilities that you think should be investigated further, contact Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344, or send an email to radcliffewoody@aol.com.



The Buy-A-Brick program is still in force and provides everyone an opportunity to participate in this venture. Please visit the web page at www.cafcipc.org and click on the "Home of Our Own" tab or call Radcliffe "Woody" Brown at 561-791-3344 for more information. ***We have made it easier to participate in the program by facilitating monthly payments to purchase a brick. Monthly payments of \$50 for a \$1,000 brick and \$150 for a \$3,000 brick are available.***



Submitted by Radcliffe "Woody" Brown

CAFCI'S VALUES STATEMENT: *Caribbean American for Community Involvement acknowledges and honors the fundamental value and dignity of all individuals and pledges itself to creating and maintaining an environment that respects diverse traditions, heritages, and experiences. We believe in giving a voice to all people and respecting all people regardless of ethnicity or socio-economic background.*

We support the participation in and promotion of events that lead to respect and mutual understanding among the various cultural, ethnic and socio economic groups in our community. We believe in promoting honesty and integrity by being transparent in all our dealings, having fun and fellowship with each other while volunteering and caring for the young and elderly and helping those in need.

DISCLAIMER: *The views and opinions expressed in this Newsletter are not necessarily the views and opinions of CAFCI's members and/or the Newsletter Committee members.*

CAFCI MEMBERS.....*If you would like to share any accomplishments of close relatives (e.g. child, grandchild, niece and/or nephew) with your CAFCI Family in the "Our Children Are Our Future" section of the NEWS, please provide the information to Paul Baker (email: ujama4@aol.com or phone 784-0067). If there is any other information you would like to be included in the NEWS, please submit information to Junette Powell (junettep@hotmail.com).*

IMPORTANT: *Include "CAFCI NEWS" in the subject line when sending e-mails. Inclusion of articles submitted will be at the discretion of the Newsletter Committee and based on space availability.*

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2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES

(Single - \$60 * Couple - \$100)

You may submit your membership dues online at www.cafcipbc.org OR

Mail to CAFCI Attention: Lawrence Logan 1030 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Box 11, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

MARK YOUR CALENDAR**CAFCI'S EVENTS**

Dates are subject to change. Please check the current issue of the NEWS and the website.

Saturday, April 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, May 7: **Cultural Diversity Day**, 1pm to Sundown at the Veterans Park, Royal Palm Beach

Saturday, May 14: **General Membership Meeting ♦ Scholarship Awards Presentation**, 7 pm at Original Wellington Mall, Wellington

Saturday, June 11: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, July 9: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Sunday, August 7: **Youth Talent Show**, 5 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center

Saturday, August 13: **General Membership Meeting ♦ Membership Appreciation**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, September 10: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, September 17, 2016, 7 pm

CAFCI'S ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP BALL

Saturday, October 8: **General Membership Meeting ♦ International Games Night**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, November 12: **General Membership Meeting**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, December 10: **General Membership Meeting ♦ Toys for Tots/Pot Luck**, 7 pm at the Harvin Center

Saturday, December 31: **New Year's Eve Party**, 8 pm at the Royal Palm Beach Cultural Center